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They are enforced of very necessity to *press* the best and greatest part of their men out of the West countries, which is no small charge. *Raleigh.*

The endeavour to raise new men for the recruit of the army by *pressing*, found opposition in many places. *Clarendon.*

The peaceful peasant to the wars is *press*, *Dryden.*

Must grandson Filbert to the wars be *press*, *Gay.*

You were *pressed* for the sea-service, and got off with much ado. *Swift.*

To *Press*. v. n.

1. To act with compulsive violence; to urge; to distress. If there be fair proofs on the one side, and none at all on the other, and if the most *pressing* difficulties be on that side, on which there are no proofs, this is sufficient to render one opinion very credible, and the other altogether incredible. *Tillotson's Sermons.*

A great many uneasinesses always soliciting the will, it is natural, that the greatest and most *pressing* should determine it to the next action. *Locke.*

2. To go forward with violence to any object. I make bold to *press* With so little preparation. *Shakespeare.*

—You're welcome. *Shakespeare.*

I *press* toward the mark for the prize. *Phil. iii. 14.*

The Turks gave a great shout, and *pressed* in on all sides, to have entered the breach. *Kneller.*

Thronging crowds *press* on you as you pass, And with their eager joy make triumph flow. *Dryden.*

Th' insulting victor *presses* on the more, And treads the steps the vanquish'd trod before. *Dryden.*

She is always drawn in a posture of walking, it being as natural for Hope to *press* forward to her proper objects, as for Fear to fly from them. *Addison on Ancient Medals.*

Let us not therefore faint, or be weary in our journey, much less turn back or sit down in despair; but *press* cheerfully forward to the high mark of our calling. *Rogers.*

3. To make invasion; to encroach. On superior powers Were we to *press*, inferior might on ours. *Pope.*

4. To crowd; to throng. For he had healed many, inasmuch that they *pressed* upon him for to touch him. *Mar. iii. 10.*

Counsel the may; and I will give thy ear The knowledge first of what is fit to hear: What I transact with others or alone, Beware to learn; nor *press* too near the throne. *Dryden.*

5. To come, unseasonably or importunately. He *pressed* upon them greatly; and they turned in. *Gen.*

6. To urge with vehemence and importunity. The less blood he drew, the more he took of treasure; and, as some construed it, he was the more sparing in the one, that he might be the more *pressing* in the other. *Bacon.*

So thick the shivering army stands, And *press* for passage with extended hands. *Dryden.*

7. To act upon or influence. When arguments *press* equally in matters indifferent, the safest method is to give up ourselves to neither. *Addison.*

8. To *press* upon. To invade; to push against. Patroclus *presses* upon Hector too boldly, and by obliging him to fight, discovers it was not the true Achilles. *Pope.*

9. *Press*. n. f. [*pressoir*, Fr. from the verb.] The instrument by which any thing is crushed or squeezed. The *press* is full, the fats overflow. *Jael iii. 13.*

10. When one came to the *press* sats to draw out fifty vessels out of the *press*, there were but twenty. *Hag. ii. 16.*

11. The stomach and intestines are the *press*, and the lacteal vessels the strainers, to separate the pure emulsion from the faces. *Arbuthnot.*

12. They kept their cloaths, when they were not worn, constantly in a *press*, to give them a lustre. *Arbuthnot.*

13. The instrument by which books are printed. These letters are of the second edition; he will print them out of doubt, for he cares not what he puts into the *press*, when he would put us two in. *Shakespeare.*

14. Croud; tumult; throng. Paul and Barnabas, when infidels admiring their virtues, went about to sacrifice unto them, rent their garments in token of horror, and as frightened, ran crying through the *press* of the people, O men wherefore do ye these things. *Hooker.*

15. She held a great gold chain yinked well, Whose upper end to highest heaven was knut, And lower part did reach to lowest hell, And all that *press* did round about her swell, To catchen hold of that long chain. *Fairy Queen.*

16. Who is it in the *press* that calls on me? I hear a tongue, shriller than all the musick, Cry, Caesar. *Shakespeare. Julius Caesar.*

17. Death having prey'd upon the outward parts, Leaves them invisible; his siege is now Against the mind; of which he picks and wounds With many legions of strange fantasies; *Shakespeare.*

18. Which in their throngs, and *press* to that last hold, Confound themselves. *Shakespeare. King Lear.*

19. Ambitious Turnus in the *press* appears, And aggravating crimes augment their fears. *Dryden.*

20. A new express all Agra does affright, Darah and Aurengzebe are join'd in fight; The *press* of people thickens to the court, Th' impatient croud devouring the report. *Dryden.*

21. Through the *press* enrag'd Thalestis flies, And scatters deaths around from both her eyes. *Pope.*

22. A kind of wooden case or frame for cloaths and other uses. Creep into the kill hole.—Neither *press*, coffer, chest, trunk; but he hath an abstract for the remembrance of such places. *Shakespeare. Merry Wives of Windsor.*

23. A commission to force men into military service. For *press*, If I be not ashamed of my soldiers, I am a fow'd garnet; I have misus'd the king's *press* damnably. *Shakespeare.*

24. Concerning the mulsters and *presses* for sufficient mariners to serve in his majesty's ships, either the care is very little, or the bribery very great. *Raleigh.*

25. *PRE-SHED*. n. f. [*press* and *bed*.] Bed so formed, as to be shut up in a case. *Newton's Opticks.*

26. *PRE-SSE*. n. f. [*from press*.] One that presses or works at a press. Of the stuffs I give the profits to dyers and *pressers*. *Swift.*

27. *PRE-SSE*. n. f. [*press* and *gang*.] A crew that strols about the streets to force men into naval service. *Hay.*

28. *PRE-SSE*. adv. [*from pressing*.] With force; closely. The one contracts his words, speaking *pressingly* and short; the other delights in long-breathed accents. *Hay.*

29. *PRE-SSE*. n. f. [*from press*.] The act of pressing. If light confided only in *pression*, propagated without actual motion, it would not be able to agitate and heat the bodies, which reflect and reflect it: if it consisted in motion, propagated to all distances in an instant, it would require an infinite force every moment, in every shining particle, to generate that motion; and if it consisted in *pression* or motion, propagated either in an instant or in time, it would bend into the shadow. *Newton's Opticks.*

30. *PRE-SSE*. adj. Gravitating; heavy. A word not in use. Neither the celestial matter of the vortices, nor the air, nor water are *pressant* in their proper places. *Mars.*

31. *PRE-SSE*. n. f. [*press* and *man*.] One who forces another into service; one who forces away. One only path to all; by which the *pressmen* came. *Chap.*

32. One who makes the impression of print by the press; distinct from the compositor, who ranges the types. *Pressmoney*. n. f. [*press* and *money*.] Money given to a soldier when he is taken or forced into the service. Here Peasgood, take my pouch, 'tis all I own, 'Tis my *pressmoney*.—Can this silver fail? *Gay.*

33. *PRE-SSE*. n. f. [*from press*.] 1. The act of pressing or crushing. 2. The state of being pressed or crushed. 3. Force acting against any thing; gravitation; *pression*. The inequality of the *pressure* of parts appeareth in this; that if you take a body of stone, and another of wood of the same magnitude and shape, and throw them with equal force, you cannot throw the wood so far as the stone. *Bacon.*

4. Although the glasses were a little convex, yet this transparent spot was of a considerable breadth, which breadth seemed principally to proceed from the yielding inwards of the parts of the glasses, by reason of their mutual *pressure*. *Newton.*

5. The blood flows through the vessels by the excess of the force of the heart above the incumbent *pressure*, which in fat people is excessive. *Arbuthnot.*

6. Violence inflicted; oppression. A wife father ingenuously confessed, that those, which persuaded *pressure* of consciences, were commonly interested therein. *Bacon's Essays.*

7. Affliction; grievance; distress. Mine own and my people's *pressures* are grievous, and peace would be very pleasing. *King Charles.*

8. The genuine price of lands in England would be twenty years purchase, were it not for accidental *pressures* under which it labours. *Child's Discourse of Trade.*

9. To this consideration he retreats, in the midst of all his *pressures*, with comfort; in this thought, notwithstanding the sad afflictions with which he was overwhelmed, he mightily exults. *Atterbury's Sermons.*

10. Excellent was the advice of Elephas to Job, in the midst of his great troubles and *pressures*, acquaint thyself now with God, and be at peace. *Atterbury.*

11. Impression; stamp; character made by impression. From my memory I'll wipe away all trivial fond records, All faws of books, all forms, all *pressures* past, That youth and observation copy'd there. *Shakespeare.*

12. *PREST*. adj. [*prest* or *pret*, Fr.] 1. Ready; not dilatory. This is said to have been the original sense of the word *prest* men; men, not forced into the service, as now we understand it, but men, for a certain sum received, *prest* or ready to march at command. *Each.*

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Each mind is *prest*, and open every ear, To hear new tidings, though they no way joy us. *Fairfax.*

Gritus desired nothing more than, at his first entrance, to have confirmed the opinion of his authority in the minds of the vulgar people, by the *prest* and ready attendance of the Vayvod. *Kneller's Hist. of the Turks.*

2. Neat; tight. In both senses the word is obsolete. More wealth any where, to be brece More people, more handsome and *prest* Where find ye? *Tusser's Husbandry.*

3. *PREST*. n. f. [*prest*, Fr.] A loan. He required of the city a *prest* of six thousand marks; but, after many parleys, he could obtain but two thousand pounds. *Bacon's Henry VII.*

4. *PRESTIGATION*. n. f. [*prestigatio*, Lat.] A deceiving; a juggling; a playing legerdemain. *Di.*

5. *PRESTIGES*. n. f. [*prestigia*, Lat.] Illusions; impostures; juggling tricks. *Di.*

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